



Hanford Happenings

With cleanup underway at Hanford, a number of public participation activities are currently planned. The Tri-Party Agencies -- the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE), the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) -- provide this monthly calendar to inform you of scheduled meetings, public comment opportunities, and agency events. For the latest information, and changes in schedules, call the toll-free **Hanford Cleanup Hotline at 1-800-321-2008**.

May 2002

May 23

- **Public Meeting on USDOE Draft Work Plan and Budget Priorities:** 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Mountaineers Building, Summit Room, 300 Third Ave. West, Seattle, WA. The U.S. Department of Energy will take public comment on the Fiscal Year 2004 budget priorities and discuss the draft Hanford Performance Management Plan for Accelerated Cleanup and the Fiscal Year 2003 budget. For more information, contact Yvonne Sherman, (509) 376-6216.

June 2002

June 4

- **Public Meeting on USDOE Draft Work Plan and Budget Priorities:** 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Portland State Office Building, Room 120, 800 NE Oregon, Portland, OR. The U.S. Department of Energy will take public comment on the Fiscal Year 2004 budget priorities and discuss the draft Hanford Performance Management Plan for Accelerated Cleanup and the Fiscal Year 2003 budget. For more information, contact Yvonne Sherman, (509) 376-6216.

June 5 (tentative)

- **Hanford Advisory Board Public Involvement & Communication (PIC) Committee meeting:** Time to be determined. Best Western Hood River Inn, 1108 E. Marina Way, Hood River, OR. The PIC Committee consists of members of the HAB. This meeting provides the committee and the Tri-Party Agencies an opportunity to discuss current Hanford public involvement activities. This meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact Kim Ballinger, (509) 376-5995.

June 5

- **Public Meeting on USDOE Draft Work Plan and Budget Priorities:** 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Best Western Hood River Inn, Riverview Room, 1108 E. Marina Way, Hood River, OR. The U.S. Department of Energy will take public comment on the Fiscal Year 2004 budget priorities and discuss the draft Hanford Performance Management Plan for Accelerated Cleanup and the Fiscal Year 2003 budget. For more information, contact Yvonne Sherman, (509) 376-6216.

June 6-7

- **Hanford Advisory Board meeting.** Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Friday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Best Western Hood River Inn, 1108 E. Marina Way, Hood River, OR. The Hanford Advisory Board (HAB) is an independent group whose representation includes Hanford public interest groups, northwest regional communities and governments, Tribal Nations, and business interests. The HAB discusses current Hanford cleanup issues and provides advice to the Tri-Party Agencies on site cleanup and waste management. This meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact Yvonne Sherman, (509) 376-6216.

June 10-11

- **Hanford Advisory Board Exposure Scenario Task Force Workshop.** Monday – 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.; Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Washington State University-Tri-Cities, Consolidated Information Center, Room 210, 2770 University Drive, Richland, WA. The task force is made up of members of the Hanford Advisory Board and other invited groups that are interested and affected by Hanford cleanup decisions. The task force is discussing issues associated with risk and exposure scenarios, and future site uses, and will provide input to the Tri-Party Agencies for future decision-making processes. The task force will look at issues related to the Columbia River Corridor during this meeting. For more information, contact Barb Wise, (509) 372-3269

June 12

- **Public meeting on Waste Treatment Plant permit:** 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Washington State Department of Ecology Nuclear Waste Program, 1315 W. 4th Ave., Kennewick, WA. Ecology will take public comment on the draft dangerous waste permit and two draft non-radiological air emissions permits for Hanford's Waste Treatment Plant. For more information, contact Mary Anne Wuennecke, (509) 736-3036.

Public Comment Periods

May 2 -June 17, 2002

The Washington State Department of Ecology is taking public comment on revisions to Revision 7 (Modification E) of the Resource, Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit for the Hanford Site. The revised permit includes operating conditions for Hanford's Central Waste Complex (CWC) and Waste Receiving and Processing facility (WRAP). For more information, contact Mary Anne Wuennecke, (509) 736-3036.

May 2 -June 17, 2002

The Washington State Department of Ecology seeks your input on a change to the Hanford Sitewide Dangerous Waste Permit. The proposed permit modification will require additional site investigation of the commercial low-level radioactive waste disposal facility operated by U.S. Ecology Inc. The facility is located on leased land near the 200 East Area of the Hanford Site. The investigation will be used to determine the extent of environmental contamination at the site. For more information, contact Tim Hill, (509) 736-3026.

May 15 – July 1, 2002

The Washington State Department of Ecology will take public comment on the first phase of the draft dangerous waste permit for Hanford's Waste Treatment plant from May 15 – July 1, 2002. The draft permit includes conditions that will allow the U.S. Department of Energy to begin construction on the vitrification plant that will turn highly radioactive nuclear waste stored in underground tanks into glass. A public hearing on the draft permit will be held June 12, 2002. For more information, contact Mary Anne Wuennecke, (509) 736-3036.

May 20 – July 5, 2002

The Washington State Department of Ecology is granting an extension to a temporary authorization for the U.S. Department of Energy to implement a revised groundwater monitoring plan for monitoring former waste-processing trenches in Hanford's 300-Area. Ecology will take public comment May 28 – July 5 on the draft plan. If the plan is approved, the Sitewide permit will be modified to include it. The permittee is the U.S. Department of Energy, 825 Jadwin Ave., Richland, WA 99352. No public hearing is scheduled at this time. For more information, to submit comments, or to request a hearing, contact Laura Ruud, Ecology, 1315 W. 4th Ave., Kennewick, WA, 99336; (509) 736-5715.

Public Comment Periods continued

May 24 – August 23, 2002

The U.S. Department of Energy has issued its Hanford Site Solid Waste Draft EIS. The HSW EIS evaluates alternatives for the storage, treatment and disposal of radioactive and hazardous waste at Hanford. It also implements decisions from the DOE Waste Management Programmatic EIS, i.e., low-level waste and mixed-low level waste from all DOE waste sites can be sent to Hanford for disposal. Public comment period is from May 24 through August 23, 2002. Public meetings are planned for Richland, WA. Seattle, WA., Hood River, OR, and La Grande, OR. For more information contact the Hanford Solid Waste EIS Information Line: 1-800-426-4914.

May 28 – June 28, 2002 (tentative)

The Washington State Department of Ecology will take public comment on two non-radiological air emissions permits for Hanford's Waste Treatment Plant from May 28 – June 28, 2002. The draft "Notice of Construction" permit establishes limits on emissions of chemicals, volatile organic compounds and toxic air pollutants. The draft "Prevention of Significant Deterioration" permits establishes limits on emissions of hazardous substances such as Nitrogen Oxides, also called NOX. A public hearing on the draft permits will be held June 12, 2002. For more information, contact Mary Anne Wuennecke, (509) 736-3036.

Late May – June 2002

The Tri-Party Agencies will take public comment on draft change packages that set deadlines for removing hazardous materials and dismantling the Plutonium Finishing Plant to make it safer and reduce risks. For more information, contact Laura Cusack, (509) 736-3038.

Every effort has been made to list correct information, but dates, times, and locations for particular meetings may change. For the most current information, please call the Hanford Cleanup line at (800) 321-2008, or any of the following Hanford Tri-Party Agency's public involvement contacts:

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